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From charms to crystals: cell phones becoming part of fashion

Militant farmer leader shot dead in Cagayan

By Villamor Visaya Jr. and Estanislao Caldeo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

TUGUEGARAO CITY—MOTORCYCLE-RIDING gunmen shot and killed Joey Javier, 42, a local leader of a farmers' group, at Barangay Centro in Baggao, Cagayan, at 8:50 a.m. on Saturday, police said.

MILITANT / A12

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Jailed Marine 'offers' to cheat for politicians

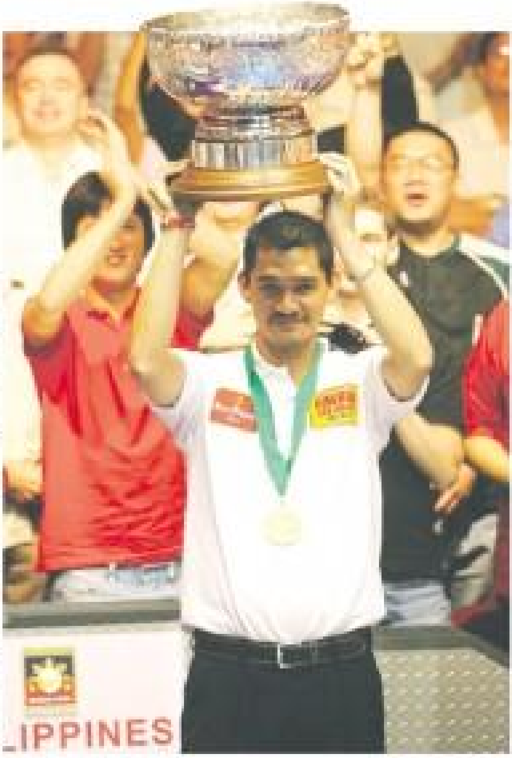
By Fe Zamora

EVER DRINKS AND "LE-[illegible]," detained Lt. Col. Ariel Querubin of the Philippine Marines came up with this bold offer: He is willing to lend his services for

SPIELER / A4



Filipino rules World Pool



NEW World Pool champion Ronato Alcano holds up his trophy after beating Ralf Souquet of Germany in the final match, 17-11, at the PICC.

Defensor confirms meeting Ang in US

By Christine O. Avendaño and TJ Burgonio

HE DID TALK WITH CHARLIE "ATONG" Ang in Las Vegas and he did receive messages from deposed President Joseph Estrada's former gambling buddy but what they were about was confidential.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's chief of staff, Michael Defensor, yesterday confirmed meeting Ang in 2004 but said there was nothing illegal about it and that it was Ang who had sought the meeting.

"*Marami kaming pinag-usapan.* (We talked about many things) but I can't divulge it because he said it in confidence," Defensor said.

Ms Arroyo's senior adviser spoke to the Inquirer after opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson said that Defensor travelled to the United States two years ago to see Ang and try to convince him to testify against Estrada and his son, Jinggoy, in the plunder cases against them.

"Defensor was the first to see Ang. In his second visit, he was accompanied by (Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis) Singson," Lacson said in an interview.

Lacson, who is expected to make a big announcement today on whether he would seek reelection or run for mayor of Manila, said the visits started before the May 2004 elections.

"Singson followed this up with several visits," he said.

Lacson said that Ang himself disclosed this information when he and Ang met in Las Vegas and during a phone conversa-

DEFENSOR / A12

Alcano outplays foe to win crown, ₱5M

By Musong R. Castillo

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST. WITH THAT RONNIE Alcano became the newest toast of Philippine sports last night.

Playing with so much class, Alcano overwhelmed Germany's Ralf Souquet, 17-11, in a marathon match he dominated from the start to win the World Pool Championship (WPC) at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City.

Alcano, who made the knockout phase at the bottom of the draw after winning just one match in the eliminations, zoomed ahead quickly, taking the first three racks, four of the first five, and eight of the first 10 to dictate the pace and put up the buffer he aimed for before the match.

"I knew that if I led by three (racks) early he (Souquet) would have a hard time catching up with me," Alcano said in Filipino, his handsome trophy beside him.

"When it (lead) became six (racks, 11-5), I knew at that time that I had him."

The win was worth $100,000 (around P5 million) for the 34-year-old Alcano, who eliminated Efren "Bata" Reyes in the Philippine 9-Ball Open last month and showed his mettle by winning two gold medals in the Southeast Asian Games last year in the 15-ball rotation singles and doubles with Leonardo Andam.

It was Reyes who brought the country's billiards mastery to the fore when he ruled the 1999 WPC in Cardiff, Wales, but Alcano's triumph was nothing short of dramatic since he was the last to make it to the 64-man knockout phase after winning only one of

FILIPINO / A18

Rumsfeld's head rolls in Democratic revolution

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

THE HEAD OF DEFENSE SECRETARY Donald Rumsfeld was the first to roll in the wake of the November 2006 Democratic revolution that ended 12 years of Republican control of the US Congress.

The Democrats won 51-49 in the Senate and a majority of at least 28 seats in the House of Representatives, crippling President George W. Bush and making him a lame duck as he enters his last two years in his second term.

The Democratic sweep marks a seismic shift of power in Washington, with the resignation of Rumsfeld heralding a policy review of the war in Iraq. Rumsfeld was blamed for the stinging electoral rebuke of Bush.

"America's damning verdict on Bush" was how the Independent newspaper of London described the vote, saying that the American voters had punished Bush for Iraq.

RUMSFELD / A18

UNTANGLING THE RSBS MESS

A military pension system that never was

By Fe Zamora

(First of four parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

A MILITARY PENSION SYSTEM conceived with the best of intentions steadily built up a fortune that never went to its intended beneficiaries but to the managers who soon raided its coffers.

In the 33 years of its existence, the Armed Forces of the Philippines-Retirement and Separation Benefits System (AFP-RSBS) assumed various identities—as a corporate venture, an investment company, a financial institution, a lending house, real estate developer, communications equipment maker and theme park owner.

However, it never functioned as a pension system for the armed services.

The irony of it is that the AFP-RSBS was created in 1973 under Presidential Decree No. 361 as a "funding mechanism to guarantee continuous financial support to the military retirement system." It was supposed to take over from the government the payment of military retirement and separation benefits when it became self-sufficient.

From the monthly 5-percent deductions from the soldiers' pay since 1976, the RSBS was able to amass assets and invest more than P1 billion in 1984. In its 20th year of existence in 1996, it

A MILITARY / A11

A House plan for 'Dato' Arroyo



THE President's son hands out bags of goodies to Libmanan residents.

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LIBMANAN, CAMARINES SUR—A son of President Macapagal-Arroyo is building a house here to establish residence so he can qualify to run for a seat in the House of Representatives next year.

Diosdado Ignacio "Dato" Arroyo is seeking to represent the first district of the province in Congress.

Arroyo is taking the district for his political base, served on a silver platter, so to speak, by Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya Jr., the political kingpin in the seven-town district.

Before he was named budget secretary early this year, Andaya represented the district in the House.

Through a resolution of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Arroyo became an adopted son of Camarines Sur.

When his mother was a senator, the young Arroyo trans-

A HOUSE / A18



THE HOUSE that "Dato" Arroyo built in Libmanan, Camarines Sur: Part of a blueprint for a political career?

Tarlaqueño cooks for the Bush family

By Russell Arador
Inquirer Central Luzon



PANIQUI, TARLAC—WHEN HE was a high school student in this town, Ariel de Guzman decided he would join the US Navy to follow in the footsteps of his older brother whom he idolized.

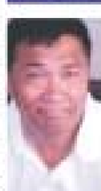
"As a sailor, he regularly sent us portions of his pay," De Guzman, 58, personal chef and house manager of the Bush family, relates in his 308-page book, "The Bush Family Cookbook."

The dollars sent were more than his mother ever made, he says.

He had no idea that 36 years after being sworn into the US Navy in 1969, his life and career as a sailor would be described by no less than former US President George H.W. Bush as "truly a great American story."

Neither did he have the slightest inkling that he would return to his hometown not only a hero but also a source of hope

TARLAQUEÑO / A12



FORMER sailor Ariel de Guzman, of Paniqui, Tarlac, is chef and house manager to the Bush family. He relates his experiences in his cookbook.

WEATHER FORECAST

Too many bets worries opposition

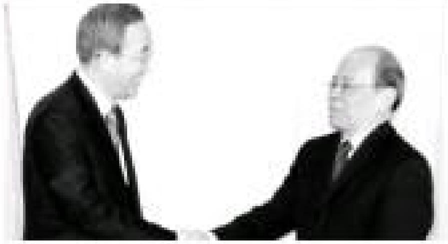
By Michael Lim Ubac

THE LONG LIST OF SENATORIAL ASPIRANTS IN the political opposition could threaten the uneasy alliance among the critics of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Anointed candidates

No final list yet

Still upbeat on Cha-cha



'WELCOME, MR. SEC-GEN'

Why not GMA as permanent defense chief, suggests solon

By Michael Lim Ubac

Lesser job

Staunch allies

Drilon registers in Iloilo—to run for Congress?

Jailed Marine 'offers' to cheat for politicians

Sharing with neighbors

Power within the corps

Others detained

Why the detention?

The mission

'Indoctrination' could politicize AFP–Biazon

No role in changing society

Politics of the masses

THE DAILY GOSPEL

OFWs fueling building boom, experts say

Successful road shows

Profits rise

Malls benefit, too

Alien ownership restricted

Cebu folk nix holiday during Asean meet

World failing to cash in on population-rich Asean, say businessmen

Attractive investment destination

Specific sectoral changes

11 RP sites said to hold key to species' survival





Other habitats

'Hot Spots Revisited'

Similar situation

Corrections







PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo presented the Presidential Medal of Merit during the 8th Cinemanila Film Festival awarding rites in Malacañang to artists, from left, Federico Aguilar Alcuaz, Julita Urbano (widow of sculptor Manuel Conde), Oscar Zalameda and Mauro Malang Santos.

Lower rates, credit card firms urged

By Philip C. Tubeza

A LAWMAKER YESTERDAY URGED credit card companies to lower their "lucrative and burdensome interest rates" since lending rates in the country had been on a downtrend and were expected to decline further due to the improving credit outlook of the Philippines.

"We find it totally obscene and shameful that card issuers continue to charge 42 percent per annum despite the apparent broad softening of lending rates," Camarines Sur Rep. Joseph Santiago said in a statement.

'Kubrador' tops Cinemanila fest

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

THE PHILIPPINES' "Kubrador," directed by Jeffrey Jeturian and produced by MLR Films, topped the World Cinema section at the ongoing 8th Cinemanila International Film Festival.

The film won the Lino Brocka Award during ceremonies held Saturday at the Ceremonial Hall of Malacañang with President Macapagal-Arroyo herself in attendance.

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Highest prize

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Filipino rules World Pool

'Totally outplayed'

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Defensor confirms meeting with Ang in US





Tarlaqueño ...

Militant farmer leader shot dead in Cagayan

List being verified

Part of terror tactic

Attack on pastor



SONIA Santa Rosa (third from left, rear), widow of slain Protestant Pastor Isaias Santa Rosa, gathers her four children—Philip, April, Mideo and Carlo (holding picture)—in front of their house in Malobago in Albay province.

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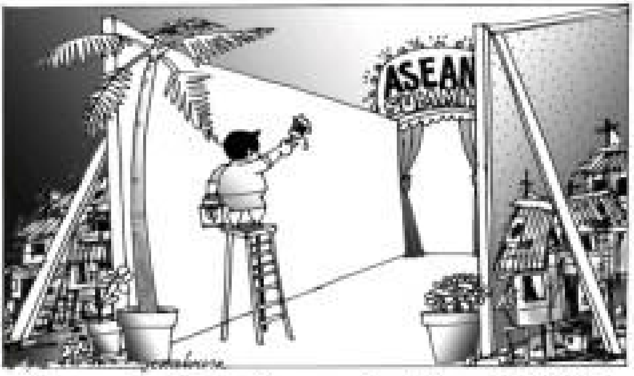
OPINION

'Infirm-er'

EDITORIAL

THE PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH THE PLAN TO convene a constituent assembly—as jointly articulated by Representatives Prospero Pichay and Constantino Jaraula, but in their own separate ways—depends on a willful misreading of the Constitution. If the people's initiative bid launched by Sigaw ng Bayan and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines was "constitutionally infirm," ...

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Napocor behind price manipulations in WESM

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Neal H. Cruz

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THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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Of initiative, revision and sovereignty

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"IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO EDUCATE A CHILD."

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Juan Miguel Luz

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Where's budget for special kids?



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PD 361 creates RSBS

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Irresponsible legislation

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N. Vizcaya execs defend STL flip-flop

BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA—THE LOCAL president of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) here defended the mayors' recent turnaround to support the entry of Small Town Lottery in the province amid allegations that they received bribes to overturn their decision last month to junk STL.

Bambang Mayor Rogelio Balgos, chapter president, said they were standing by their latest decision despite criticism from the public.

"It is true we had this [anti-STL position], but since there was sufficient explanation about the good it would bring to our constituency, we now changed [our stance]," he said.

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230 evacuated in Ecija

SAN JOSE CITY—MORE THAN 230 people were evacuated in this city on Saturday afternoon when a flash flood hit a subdivision in Barangay Sto. Niño.

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INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

A **CALL** FOR STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE ***RULE OF LAW***

The Supreme Court of the Philippines has said the final word on the constitutionality of the People's Initiative.

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) stands by the decision of the Supreme Court and reaffirms its previous position on the issue of Charter Change. In a resolution dated October 11, 2006, the IBP supported the call for Charter Change but clarified that on the critical issue, no less than a Constitutional Convention would be the proper procedure to adopt. The Supreme Court decision on the People's Initiative has validated this position.

The highest court of the land, speaking through Associate Justice Antonio T. Carpio, in the case of Raul M. Lambino and Erico B. Aumentado v. COMELEC, firmly stated:

*"This Court cannot betray its primordial duty to defend and protect the Constitution. The Constitution, which embodies the people's sovereign will, is the bible of this Court. **This Court exists to defend and protect the Constitution.** To allow this – constitutionally infirm initiative, propelled by deceptively gathered signatures, to alter basic principles in the Constitution is to allow a desecration of the Constitution. To allow such alteration and desecration is to lose this Court's raison d'etre."*

Unfortunately, due to this informed and lucid decision, the Supreme Court has earned the wrath of certain groups with vested interests. The Supreme Court is now once again under fire, to the point that vicious attacks have been leveled against individual justices.

In these critical times, the IBP calls for strict adherence to the Rule of Law. Let us accord the highest respect to the Supreme Court and its pronouncements. Continued respect for the Constitution and the institutions established under it is of paramount importance. Our country cannot hope to move forward if we fail to adhere to the Rule of Law. The Supreme Court has spoken on the matter of the People's Initiative. It was a decision of a majority of its members which rightly demands utmost respect.

The historic decision rightly forces the proponents of the People's Initiative to take the issue of Charter Change to a level of transparent, educated analysis. After all, this is a matter that requires full and thorough debate as it affects the fundamental law of this country, the basis of our government and our rights as a people. The IBP reiterates its position that it is only through a Constitutional Convention that a true and meaningful Charter Change may be done.

The Supreme Court has written finis to the controversy. Let us move on.

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Governor for Western Mindanao

S. O. S. Sorsogon

Just two more days and we close our campaign to help the victims of "Milenyo" in the province of Sorsogon.

From the almost P2 million so far collected, here is the final report of expenses from David Duran:

SOS Financial Report Sorsogon Operations

Description	Amount	Subtotals
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[illegible]	127,[illegible].00	
[illegible]	137,000.00	
[illegible]	459,700.00	949,750.00
Trans Diesel (Truck)	13,700.00	
Trans Gas (Motorcycle)	6,411.13	
Trans Truck Rental	28,000.00	
Trans Misc	4,000.00	50,420.13
Food (Bicol)	19,814.00	
Food (Manila)	27,359.00	47,173.00
Services (Carpentry)	18,900.00	
Services (Driver)	16,187.00	11,[illegible]
Misc Office Supply	1,199.00	
Misc Photos	1,[illegible].00	
Misc Construction Materials	1,155.00	
Misc Communications (load)	2,235.00	
Other Expenses	20,[illegible]	23,[illegible]
TOTAL	1,094,012.[illegible]	

Two truckloads of donations in kind will be shipped to Sorsogon after Nov. 15, which is the day this campaign is scheduled to close. Those working hard on this aspect are Offie Dymara and Isabel Abella. *The Sorsoganons are thankful to S.O.S. volunteers Florinda Duran Papasin, Ella Duran Nelson and Amurao Grajo-Uranza for helping to organize the details.*

Last call for cash or checks may be submitted to the Bank of the Philippine Islands account # 0011-1687-[illegible].
Concluding report is scheduled Nov. 17

Marinduque exec wary of DENR dam report

Quarrying seen to cause dam collapse

ONE MONTH AFTER 'MILENYO'

Typhoon-damaged roads yet to see rehabilitation



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Cavite gov asks int'l media groups to rethink position on libel cases

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Negros provinces, 18 others top priorities in antipoverty drive

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

ROUNDUP

Holiday in Pangasinan today

Chinese-Filipino trader freed

Fil-Am girl found dead in Bataan

NPA rebels, Army troops clash in Leyte

4 treasure hunters found dead

3 dead OFWs in Saudi

Gov't hopes new proposal will revive talks with MILF

By Charlie C. Señase and Jeoffrey Maitem
Inquirer Mindanao

COTABATO CITY—The government negotiating team presented on Friday night a new proposal to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) on the contentious issue of territory which it hoped would help restart the peace talks with the secessionist movement.

Jesus Dureza, presidential peace adviser, said the submission of the new proposal would pave the way for the resumption of the stalled peace talks.

The government had earlier failed to submit the new proposal, but Dureza said they finally submitted it on Friday to the MILF peace panel.

Dureza however, declined to elaborate on the proposal. "I can't give you the exact details because it's sensitive," he said. "I can say it would help move the peace talks," he added.

Mohagher Iqbal, MILF chief negotiator, confirmed the receipt of the proposal, which he said was signed by chief government negotiator Silvestre Afable Jr.

Iqbal said the new proposal was "revised" and the MILF negotiating panel would study it carefully.

"We are looking at it as totally. It needs serious examination. It's a different proposal from the last time," Iqbal said, but also declined to reveal details of the proposal.

The peace talks, backed by the Organization of the Islamic Conference, hit a snag after the MILF insisted on the inclusion of at least 1,000 villages in the Juridical Bangsamoro entity to be created after the signing of the peace deal.

The MILF had also demanded that the creation of the territory should no longer be subjected to a plebiscite.

But the government said only 600 predominantly Muslim villages could be made part of the future Moro territory if its residents would agree to their inclusion during a plebiscite to be conducted.

The government had insisted that doing away with the plebiscite would be unconstitutional.

Because of the unresolved issue, the MILF had said it would only go back to the negotiating table if the government could present a fresh proposal.

Asked when the talks would resume, Dureza said they were still on wait-and-see mode.

"We'll just wait. The President instructed us to focus our move for the talks to move forward," he said.

As this developed, the government and MILF ceasefire teams had agreed that the recent hostilities between the government and MILF rebels in Maguindanao and Zamboanga del Sur were isolated incidents and should not threaten the peace talks.

"We had a good meeting. It was cordially finished," Von al-Haq, chair of the MILF's ceasefire committee, said after a meeting between his group and the government ceasefire committee in Davao City on Thursday.

Al-Haq said during the meeting, which was also attended by his counterpart, Brig. Gen. Edgardo Gurrea, a dozen issues of concern such as allegations of truce violations were discussed.

"We have reiterated our firm commitment to sustain the ceasefire gains and goodwill in the peace process, despite these isolated cases of atrocities," he said.

A plus METRO

Cops selling guns to make money?

NBI conducts probe after arrest of man offering police firearms

Police markings

In need of money

Placed under surveillance



CHRISTMAS IS FOR THE KIDS

Revenge angle eyed in grenade blast

Lawyers flock to NBI to apply as agents

Citizen's call

Cainta exec opposes casino



A composer in these troubled times



Bonifacio fan

No pop songs, please

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Silicon Valley leading by 'green' example



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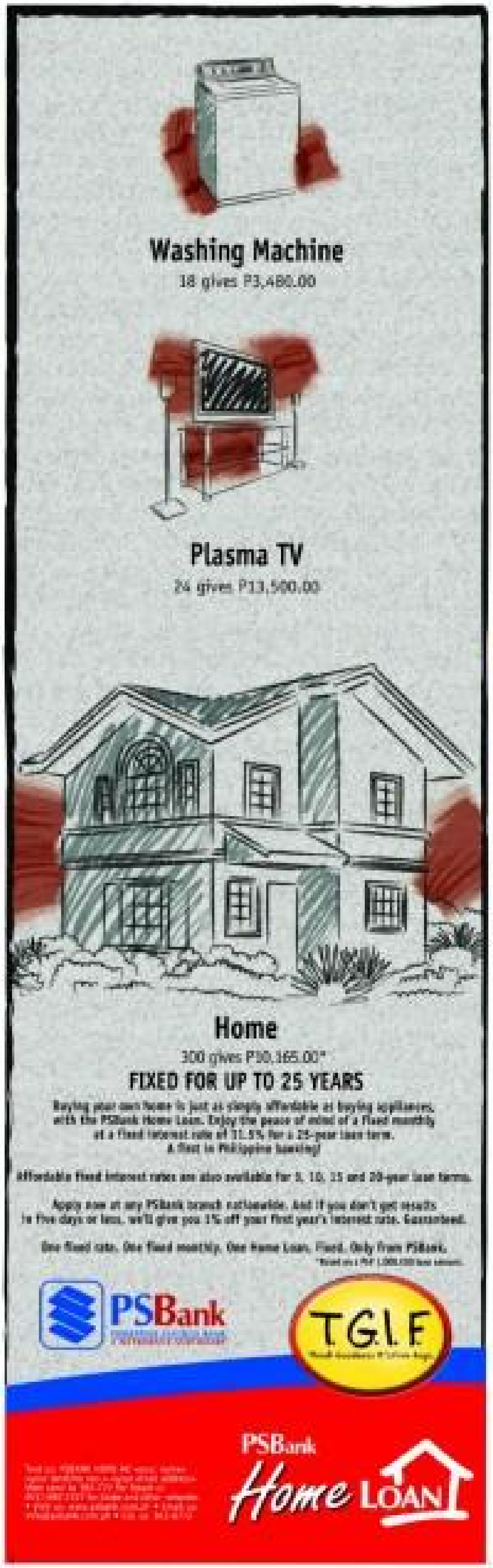
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Top UN envoy meets Suu Kyi

UK top cop to be cleared over shooting

Independence vote in Georgia region

Hezbollah, ally quit Lebanon government



The WORLD

US vetoes UN draft assailing Israel raid

UNITED NATIONS—THE UNITed States vetoed a Security Council resolution on Saturday that condemned Israel for its military actions in Gaza and called for an immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from the area.

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Asian-Americans in California had strong showing in elections

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Dubai swats swarms of pests ogling beauties at beach

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Archers rip Eagles/A31



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Giants nip Dragons; Pals rout Gin Kings

THE WELCOAT DRAGONS WERE IN AN UPSET mood again last night. Too bad, the Purefoods Giants held their ground.



Pacquiao still groping for perfect form



Roach bares how Erik could beat Pacman

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad

Manny 132 a week before fight

Fil-Am survives Thai for title

SPORTSWATCH

2 quick goals lift Laos past RP





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Former Milo leg champs dominate Dipolog qualifying



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Ali back at Garden to see daughter win

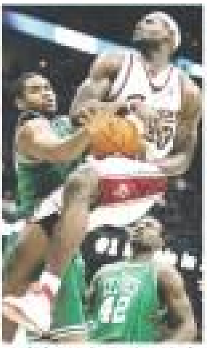
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Ochoa in command after a 9-under 63

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James keys big Cavs comeback

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JAMES is fouled on the drive by the Celtics' Nigerian-American Michael Olowokandi.

Unknown Korean ends Woods' victory streak

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Justin reclaims No. 1 spot after downing Sharapova

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Klitschko stops Brock, keeps world heavy title

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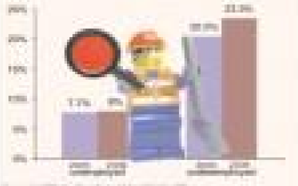
BUSINESS



$1-B Nonoc mines deal seen by year's end

INQUIRER MONITOR

Higher unemployment, underemployment rates



Biggest Chinese investment in RP

REHABILITATION WORK ON THE MOTHBALLED REFINERY AND mining operations of Philippine Nickel Corp. (Philnico) may begin as early as the third quarter of 2007 if talks with potential Chinese investors are concluded before year's end.

Peza, BOI investments jump 32.7% to ₱220B

PEZA B4

Farm sector grew 2-3% in Q3

THE COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURE SECtor was estimated to have expanded by 2 to 3 percent in the third quarter on the back of higher production from the

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Gov't debt up slightly at ₱3.95T in end-August

By Michelle V. Remo

Contingent liabilities down to P562.97B

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Process issue

Adequate language

A matter of trust

WB urges more reforms

Peza ...



MPC still keen on power

By Abigail L. Ho

METRO PACIFIC Corp. remains keen on diversifying into the power sector via the acquisition of some National Power Corp. generation assets.

In an interview with the *Journal*, Metro Pacific chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan said the 600-megawatt Masinloc and Calaca coal-fired power plants had caught the company's interest.

Metro Pacific was also looking at the hydropower and geothermal facilities that the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. would be selling in the coming months.

In bidding for the Napocor plants, he said Metro Pacific would most likely partner with another company.

Metro Pacific had earlier expressed interest in bidding for the 25-year National Transmission Co. concession.



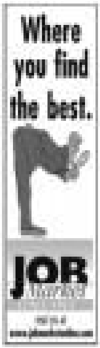
















Poor ratings of Standard & Poor - I

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[illegible] C. General

GLOBAL CREDIT rating agency Standard & Poor (S&P) proclaimed a negative outlook for the Philippine insurance industry, both life and non-life. Primary Credit Analyst [illegible] Singapore wrote the August 7 report.

The notable report states: "The outlook of the financial strength of the Philippine non-life insurance industry is negative, despite slightly improved profitability across the sector. Inadequate capitalization and reserving, and political uncertainty, adversely impact the performance of non-life insurers. The lack of industry consolidation has resulted in an intensely competitive environment. This, coupled with insufficient professional expertise and a currently weak regulatory framework relative to some regional markets, has meant that the risk profiles of the Philippine nonlife insurance industry remains relatively high."

Sometime ago, the Insurance Commission set the minimum paid up at P50 million. This is now to be raised to P100 by year's end and to P500 million by 2010.

The premium reserve, margin of solvency and the retention limits per risk are all subject to the provisions of the Insurance Code.

S&P mistakes the noise from the opposition as political uncertainty. Be that as it may, this uncertainty does not affect the nonlife industry. I would feel very uneasy if we had the political certainty of Singapore where the ruling party holds 82 seats out of 84, and the two lonely opposition members are constantly being harassed.

The intense competition does not stem from the lack of industry consolidation. The intensity results from the fact that, in 1994, the Insurance Commission, in line with the Asean free trade agreement, dismantled the cartel that had kept premium rates artificially high for decades.

Under a free and open market, premium rates have steadily plummeted. Today fire insurance rates, on average, are about one-fifth what it used to be, but total volume is up, meaning more Filipinos are buying more insurance than ever before.

How does S&P feel about this market phenomenon? Would S&P prefer lower or no

QUESTIONS, B8

RCBC, GE talks break down









US firm invests ₱13B in Tanauan facility

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Analysts post mixed views on trading

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Biodiesel firm out to raise ₱1.5B in new share offer

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Questions of Policies

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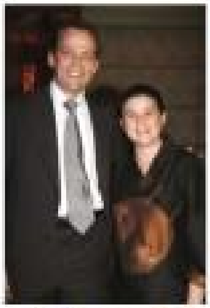
No medical check-ups

Same-day coverage

Nokia welcomes new country general manager











Samsung wins Silver DTI Seal of Excellence







AGSB 40th year features 'Eagle Watch Forum'

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Jollibee Arroz Cubana



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ROBOTICS CHAMPIONS GEAR FOR WRO 2006



ARISTOCRAT OPENS NEW BRANCH AT THE BLOCK

Diabetes Expo well attended at SM Megamall

Business

Gov't cuts planned '07 bond offer to $900M

Authorities to tap instead cheaper official dev't assistance loans



RP may prepay last of its IMF obligations

Cement makers reel from slump in construction

BUSINESS *Monday*



Clark rises as RP's budget airlines capital

₱5,000-airfare boosts traffic to half a million

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC Zone—Singapore-bound Arlyn Billiers took the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA) here on Tuesday.

Coming to life

Revolution

CLARK B2

MVP for president?





INQUIRER chair Marixi R. Prieto with MAP Man of the Year Manuel V. Pangilinan





PANGILINAN



CONCEPCION is welcomed by Prieto-Romualdez.







Senate Bill No. 2231: Partially Automated Elections in 2007

MAPping the Future

Manuel A. Alcuaz Jr

Clark rises as RP's budget airlines capital

Travel boom







Authentic leadership revisited

A leader's way



John C. Maxwell

Movements

Visa announces executive movements

New DHL appointments

Aon names new managing director



At 70, NPC stands for Now a Profitable Corp.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo considered NPC's recovery as proof of the effectiveness of the various reforms being undertaken by her administration.

By LUCIA P. TANGI

THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (National Power), which celebrates its 70th Anniversary starting today, November 13, 2006, is back with a vengeance, emerging as one of the most profitable government-owned corporations. Starting this year, the acronym NPC can certainly evoke a better image: –Now a Profitable Corporation. It is also appropriate to tag this year's observance with the theme, "Rising to Every Challenge, Upholding Excellence."

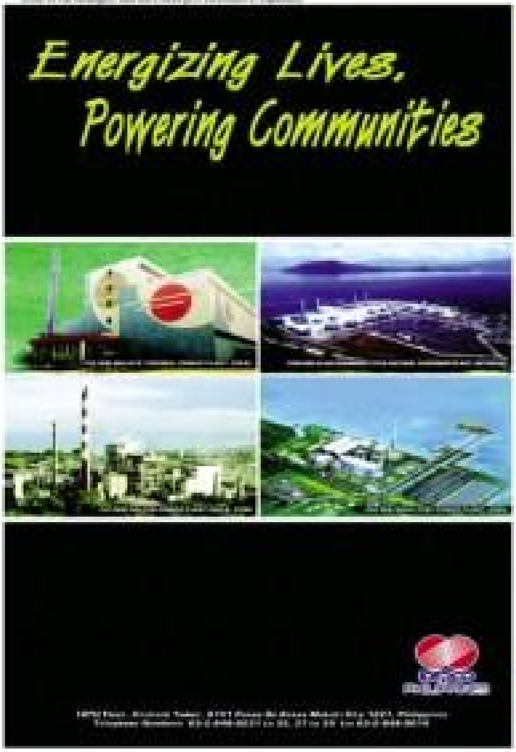
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NPC President Cyril C. Del Callar (second from left), assisted by Department of Energy Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla (second from right) and other NPC officials during a tree-planting activity at the NPC compound in Quezon City.

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NPC/B5



70 Years of National Power

After turning around its cash-strapped image into one of the most profitable corporations in the country, National Power Corp. is celebrating its 70th year with a series of activities.

The government corporation was officially established on Nov. 3, 1936 but the anniversary celebration this year will be held from Nov. 13 to 24.

Environment and social responsibility are among the key focus of this year's event.

Among the major events are the following:

November 13, 2006

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November 14, 2006

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November 15, 2006

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November 16, 2006

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November 17, 2006

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November 20, 2006

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November 23, 2006

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Rising to Every Challenge

Upholding Excellence

Semirara Island recovers from oil spill



At NPC

From page B4

Home away from home for PRESCHOOLERS



Breaking ground as supplier of power engineering services

Power Chorale holds anniversary concert



The National Power Chorale: Spreading the joy of music.



Moody's upgrades NPC's debt outlook

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE HAS revised its outlook on the debt ratings of National Power Corp. to stable from negative amid the improvement of the state-owned firm's financial position.

In a report released by Xinhua Financial News Service, Moody's upgraded NPC's senior unsecured debt rating to "B1."

The announcement coincided with the celebration of the 70th anniversary of NPC on Nov. 3.

Moody's had earlier improved its ratings outlook on the Philippines from negative to stable after being satisfied with the Arroyo administration's effort at reining in its fiscal deficit.

The stock market rallied while the peso strengthened following Moody's announcement.

"This is definitely a vote of confidence," said Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) governor Amando Tetangco Jr. "It means Moody's believes in the sustainability of the country's economic reforms."

NPC also welcomed the news.

"Moody's upgrade will be good for NPC too because our borrowings and bond issuances are sovereign guaranteed," a spokesman said. "RP's upgrade of Moody's makes our bonds even more attractive for investors and buyers."

Last month, NPC was successful in floating US$500 million of 10-year international bonds. The notes which carried a 6.875 percent yield were fully guaranteed by the Philippine government.

The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) said the order book for the bonds was closed in just 1.5 hours after the issue was announced on Oct. 25. A total of 218 investors participated in the transaction, including 90 from Asia, 55 from Europe and 65 from the US.

Napocor president Cyril C. del Callar considered the positive response to the issuance to be "encouraging."

"With this benchmark deal, we have completed our US-dollar funding plans for this year," he said.

PSALM president Nieves L. Osorio also welcomed the result of the bond float.

"We have successfully re-benchmarked the credit of Napocor and this positions us better for future funding exercises," he said.

National Treasurer Omar Cruz considered the recent development as an indication of a "turnaround in the appetite of international investors for Napocor credit and manifests their enhanced appreciation of the overall fiscal situation of the Republic."

Citigroup and Deutsche Bank acted as joint lead managers and joint book runners for the bond float.

Moody's is one of the most respected credit rating agencies in the world. Other agencies include Fitch Ratings, Standard & Poors and the Japan Credit Rating Agency.

Grades assigned by credit rating agencies to corporate and municipal debt securities based on the borrower's expected ability to repay. The higher the grade, the lower the interest rate a borrower must pay.

Aside from NPC, Moody's also revised the outlook on the debt and deposit ratings of 11 Philippine banks, GBC Philippines Ltd and Batangas Private Power Corp., to stable from negative.

Among the banks given better ratings included Allied Banking Corp., Banco de Oro, Bank of the Philippine Islands, Development Bank of the Philippines, Equitable PCI Bank, Land Bank of the Philippines, Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co., Philippine National Bank, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp., Union Bank of the Philippines and United Coconut Planters Bank.



BUSINESS Monday

Business Features Editor: Margie Quimpo-Espino

Henry Sy on top of banking game

82-year-old taipan adds finance mogul to retail king title



TWENTY YEARS ago, retail tycoon Henry Sy Sr. was not even a demigod in Philippine banking.

Unassuming ways

BDO's growth

Biggest banking transaction

Win-win

Long-drawn battle

Changing the landscape



Globe paces Super 3G handset race

Fast broadband Internet access in a mobile phone

Mobility and speed

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From charms to crystals: cell phones becoming part of fashion







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Credit rating review

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BUSINESS Monday

Bangus industry swims to Europe for safety

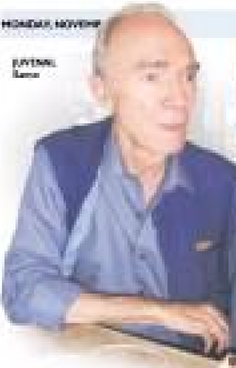
Fishpond owners in Visayas wallow in debt, need new markets



DEMAND for organically-grown bangus is picking up abroad, which is good news for local producers.

HYUNDAI AFFIRMS COMMITMENT THROUGH PRO-NEGOSYO

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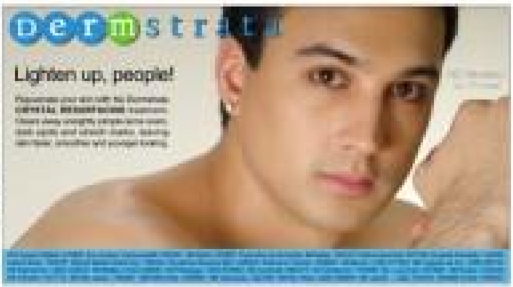
A major artist comes up with a major retrospective of his print works

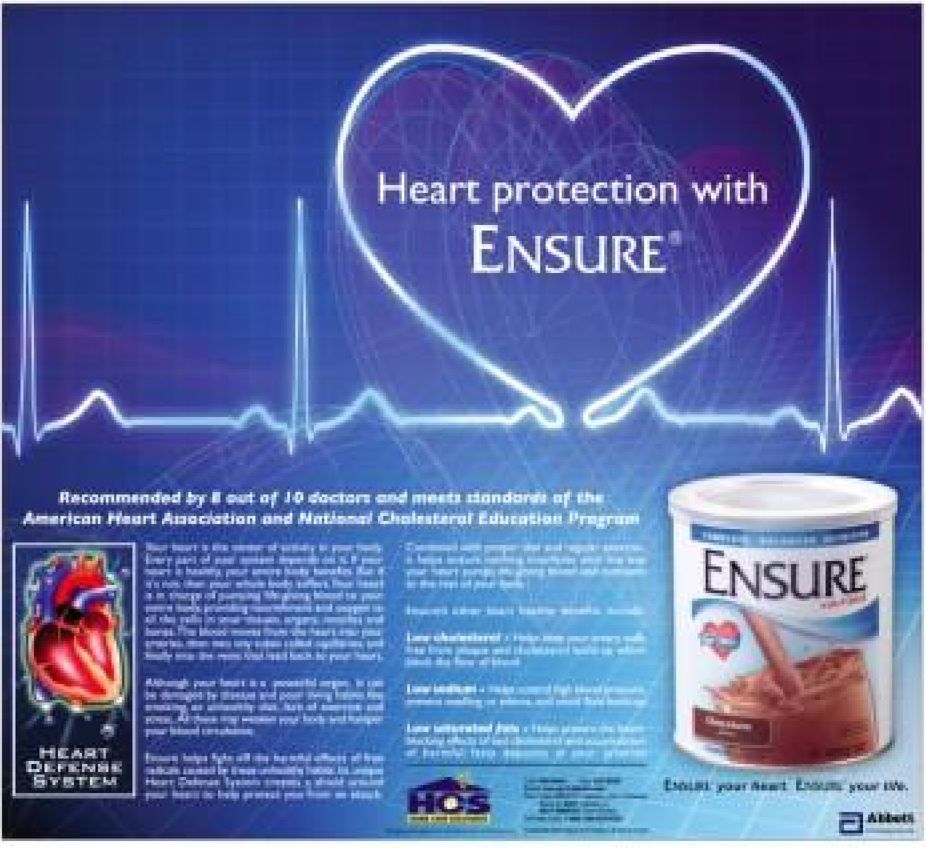
Sanso's imprint on Philippine art



By Lito B. Zulueta

LIKE REMBRANDT, JUVENAL Sanso is as distinguished in print as he is in painting, notwithstanding print playing second fiddle to painting, at least in the Philippines.





Sanso's imprint on Philippine art



"BLACK Bouquet"



"ARBUSTO"



The artist's lonely but happy calling

'I hope that I can give back to this admirable nation more than it has been expected of me through the long years of our greatly fruitful collaboration, since I have received here more than I had dreamed possible'



"MOONGLOW"

Cuna and Mendoza, uncle and nephew, at Glorietta's Artspace

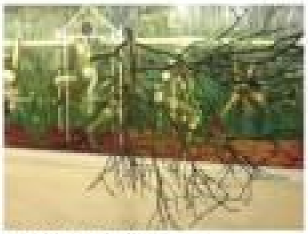




13 lucky artists

Having their own voices is what distinguishes this year's batch of new awardees



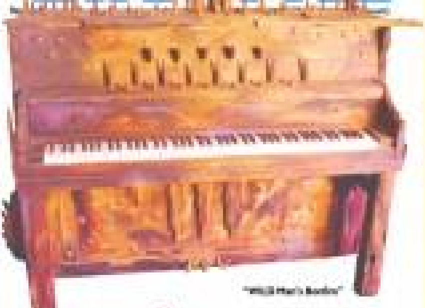




RP Art Awards night, exhibit opening Nov. 16



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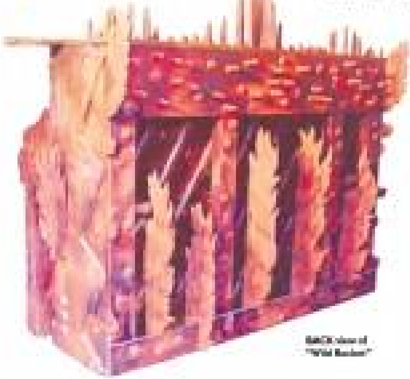


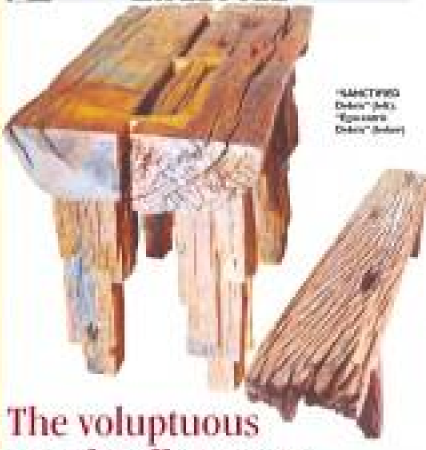
The voluptuous art of Raffy Ignacio

These are pieces that can only be described as rococo-baroque— Art Nouveau pushed to the extreme









The voluptuous art of Raffy Ignacio

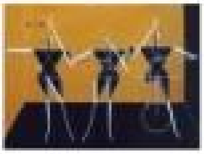


"WHITE Temples, Palitana Series"

Arturo Luz at Galerie Joaquin Main



"PERFORMERS: A Juggler and a Musician"



"TRIO Performance"



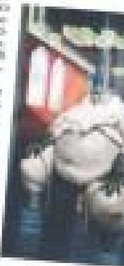


"WRONG Way"

'Dominion,' Tatong Recheta Torres' heavyweight debut, is a feast of complex discourses

"UNTITLED"

The language of lard



"MASTER Wrapper"

Empowered subject

Elegant comic book



"SEARCHING for Number 2"



"MASTER Plan"

Two debut exhibits at ArtAsia

ARTASIA FINE ARTS INC. presents the "Golden Platter," a debut exhibition featuring the works of Gess Abrahan and Camille Quintos, seniors at Ateneo de Manila University.

Given a platter of choices, the audience is offered a glimpse on how these choices can contribute to one's growth or bring about one's destruction.

Abrahan draws her audience into her art series, "Turning the Ocean Down," by providing a theatrical atmosphere to her story with her interactive panels and installations about Diego Mendez, a disoriented artist in search for true happiness in his life.

Quintos presents two life-size self-portraits: "She Loves Me," showing the serenity one finds in accepting one's entire being, and "She Loves Me Not," portraying someone who chooses to detach his identity from himself because of his flaws.

Golden Platter runs Nov. 17-23 in ArtAsia, 4/F Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.



Visual Arts



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Javier at West

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Yorona at MuseumSpace

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Gariboy at West Gallery

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Group exhibit

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Watches on exhibit

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Abueva at Ayala

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Photo exhibit

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Malaki at Rustan's Makati

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Sino-Pinoy artists at Yuchengco

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PAUL R. Sosa and his oil paintings

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Sosa at Contreras Gallery

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UST launches rare-book catalogues

THE MIGUEL DE BENAVIDES LIBRARY (Central Library) of the University of Santo Tomas will launch the second and third volumes of the "Catalogue of Rare Books" in the UST collection Nov. 13, 4 p.m., at the conference hall of the library, UST campus, España, Manila.

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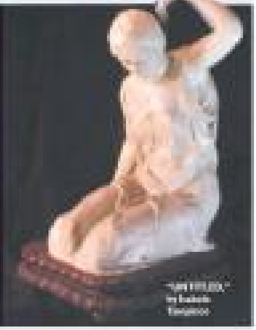
"LA MUJER," by Tampinco

Tribute to a giant of Philippine art

Jack Pilar's forthcoming book on Isabelo Tampinco aims to redeem the pioneering sculptor's legacy in wood and stone



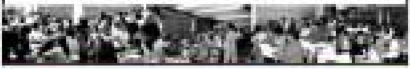
"SONATA en Flores," by Tampinco

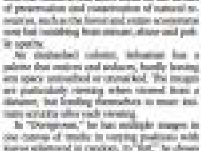


"UNTITLED," by Isabelo Tampinco



"LISTENING," by Tampinco





"YUHI" by Anne Sebastian



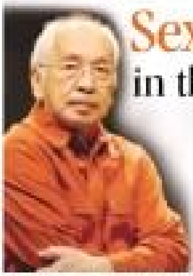
"OVERGROWN," by Sebastian

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Tony Mabesa's forthcoming 'Hamlet Redux' for Dulaang UP promises a darker, more daring take on the Shakespearean classic

Sex, drugs and death in the state of Denmark



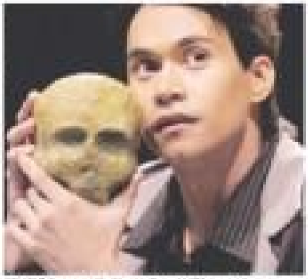
DULAANG UP founding artistic director Tony Mabesa

By Gibbs Cadiz

Sex, drugs and death in the state of Denmark

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'On Wings of Song' at Sinag Arts

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LEGAL ISSUE: Frat member [illegible]

Frat men sue over 'Borat' bit

COLUMBIA — TWO fraternity boys want to "make lawsuit" against "Borat" over their drunken appearance in the hit movie.

The legal action filed Thursday on their behalf claims they were duped into appearing in the spoof documentary "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," in which they made sexist and racist comments on camera.

The young men "engaged in behavior that they otherwise would not have engaged in," the lawsuit says.

"Borat" follows the adventures of comedian Sacha Baron Cohen's Kazakh journalist character [illegible] as he travels across the United States and meets Americans. The film debuted at the No. 1 box-office spot last weekend.

The plaintiffs were named only as fraternity members from a South Carolina university.

They are seeking to stop the studio from displaying their image and likeness, plus unspecified monetary damages. AP

9 movies in MMFF

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

THE DECEMBER "SHORT TIME" has pulled out of the Metro Manila Film Festival.

In light of this development, the festival executive committee is considering sanctions for producers who back out this late in the game.

The committee earlier discussed imposing penalties on participants "who fail to honor their commitment to the festival," said [illegible] Camadigan, an executive committee member.

"At the moment, I am not sure how the proposed sanctions will be implemented but I firmly believe [it should be done]," Camadigan told Inquirer Entertainment in a phone interview on Friday.

Another executive committee member, [illegible], confirmed this: "Sanctions will be discussed in our next meeting."

Submitted by producers [illegible] Pictures and written by Jose Javier Reyes (who would have also directed it), "Short Time" had listed [illegible] Quinto, Rica Peralejo and [illegible] Taylor as lead stars.

Camadigan said Reyes informed MMFF officials that "he failed to put together the cast for 'Short Time.'"

On Nov. 10, Camadigan met with Bayani Fernando, chair of the Metro Manila Development Authority, which spearheads the annual December event.

"The chair has decided not to field a replacement for 'Short Time.' Thus, we will have only nine entries this year," said Camadigan. "Producers prefer not to have too many entries so their gross sales will be bigger."

In June, Star Cinema pulled out Joyce Bernal's "Tanging Pamilya," because of the hectic schedules of stars Vilma Santos and [illegible]. The slot of "Tanging Pamilya," earlier earmarked for [illegible], went to [illegible] "Super Noypi" (Regal) Productions.

Reyes told the Inquirer that he "felt bad" about the pullout of "Short Time." "It's a decent project. I still hope to do it someday."

DID YOU KNOW...

LONDON—PAUL MCCARTNEY AND SUPERMODEL KATE MOSS ARE TWO OF THE TOP 10 [illegible] Britain's greatest living icons, the BBC said Friday.

The list was picked by viewers of BBC's "The Culture Show."

David Bowie, Michael Caine, Stephen Fry and Kate Bush made the cut. Voting ends Nov. 27. AFP

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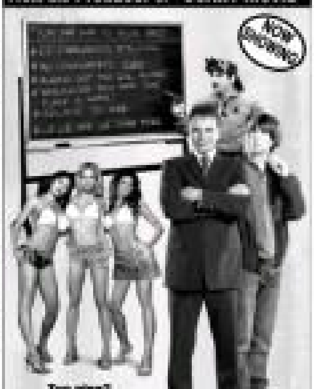
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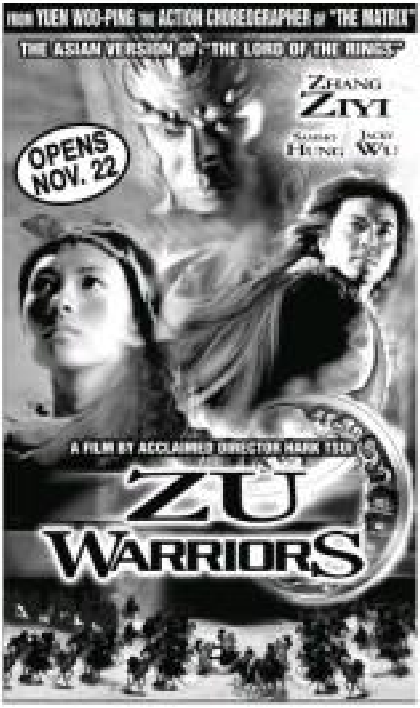
From the Producer of "SCARY MOVIE"



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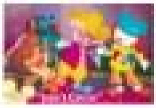

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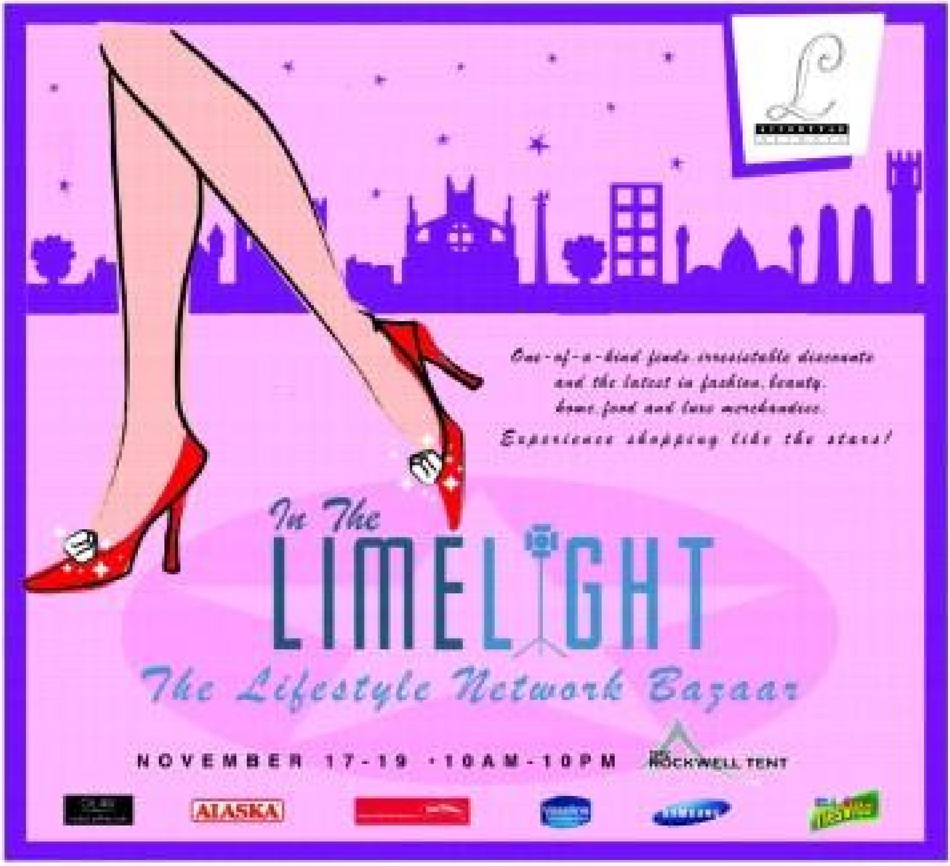
Interactive series



Kellie Pickler hits the charts







ENTERTAINMENT



Lifetime achievement award for Tiya Dely



TIYA DELY: "I don't look at this as my job; it's my enjoyment."

I THINK THEY ARE GIVING awards to the most senior people in the industry. In that case, I am the oldest. I'm among those who've logged in the most number of years in public service."

A great film from Eastwood

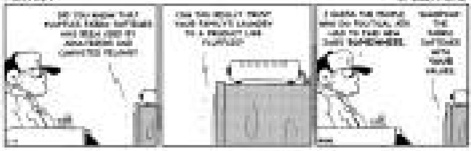
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Nestor U. Torre

Heroism for non-heroes

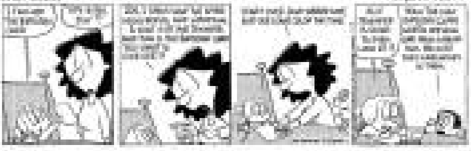
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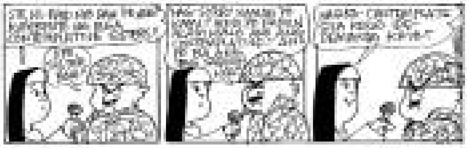
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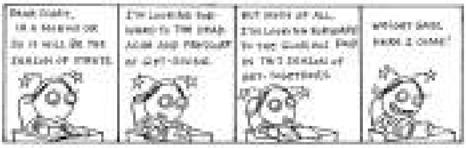
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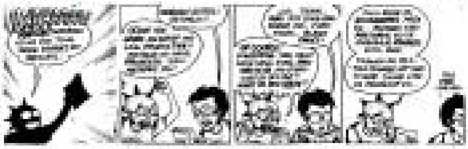
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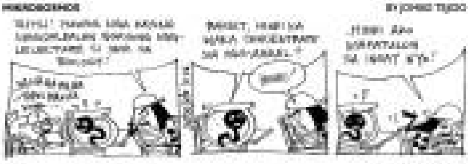
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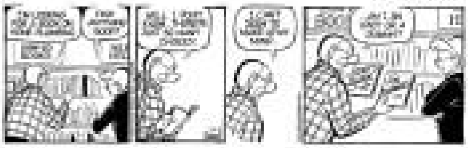
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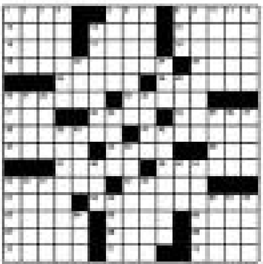
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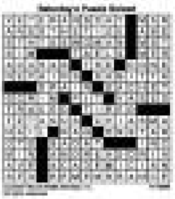
BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD



Saturday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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	8					9	1	
3	1		7		9		2	
6	2	7			4	3		
				5				
		8	6			2	7	4
	6		4		1		9	8
	4	5					6	
9					5			

Difficulty Level ★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Roundup

New Florabelina

"GOBY BOLLIT" MARIKINE ELDA Pineda recently signed with ABS-CBN to play the title role in the network's upcoming telenovela, "Maria Florabelina." The series, based on the Filipino original radio version during the late '70s, premieres soon.

'Desire'

"Desire: Table For Three," a one-hour drama that spins the tale of [illegible], airs Monday to Friday, 10 p.m., on Star World. The series features [illegible] as [illegible] competing for one woman.

'Life With Bonnie'

Bonnie Molloy, played by Bonnie Hunt, juggles responsibilities as mother and morning talk show host in the comedy "Life With Bonnie."

The show airs Mondays at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 3:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., and Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Star World.

Pacquiao fight

"Pacquiao vs. Morales: The Grand Finale" goes to the Starmall and Metropolis Star Cinemas on Nov. 19. The third rematch between the Philippines' Manny Pacquiao and Mexico's Erik Morales will be broadcast live from the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Airing starts 9 a.m. at Starmall Edsa's Cinema One, Metropolis Star Alabang's Cinema Two and Starmall Las Piñas' Cinema One. Gates open at 7:30 a.m.

'Man Made Marvels'

Discovery Channel's "Man Made Marvels" series profiles some of today's world class architectural feats. Some of the structures to be featured are the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, the Taipei 101 building in Taiwan, the Okinawa Aquarium in Japan, the Tokyo Engineering system and the Hangzhou Bay Bridge in China.

New episodes premiere Thursdays at 10 p.m. starting Nov. 16.

A great film from . . .

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[illegible]

'Whiskey Echo' on Hallmark

On Nov. 26 at 9:00 p.m., Hallmark Channel premieres "Whiskey Echo," a telefilm. It focuses on the civil war in South Sudan, and tells the tale of an international team of young doctors, nurses and aid workers [illegible].

[illegible]

Gratuitous gimmick

REVIEW

> It's not clear what the point is in cinematic Bush assassination



A SCENE from "Death of a President"

[illegible]

Dead movie

[illegible]

Suffocating

[illegible]